

Introduced by Senator Perata

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 54—Relative to 9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 54, as introduced, Perata. 9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month.

This measure would designate the month of June 2007 as “9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month” in the State of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Every year, about 200 million 9-1-1 calls are
2 received at 9-1-1 emergency system centers across the United
3 States; and

4 WHEREAS, Most calls to 9-1-1 emergency system centers are
5 made by bystanders attempting to help someone in a crisis, often
6 life-threatening, many of those calls are made by children as young
7 as 4 or 5 years old; and

8 WHEREAS, The result of 9-1-1 calls from children may be
9 measured in saved lives, underscoring the critical importance of
10 training children early in life about the 9-1-1 emergency call
11 number; and

12 WHEREAS, By educating children how to use 9-1-1 correctly,
13 they can act quickly and confidently to obtain the necessary public
14 safety or medical assistance they need to save lives and property,
15 as well as teach their siblings, family members, friends, and
16 neighbors; and

1 WHEREAS, The nonprofit organization “9-1-1 for Kids” is the
2 official educational program for local, federal, and international
3 public safety dispatch centers, agencies, and organizations, and is
4 committed to the sole purpose of teaching children how to save
5 lives and property through the proper use of 9-1-1, the nation’s
6 universal emergency telephone number; and

7 WHEREAS, 9-1-1 for Kids has reached over five million
8 children since its inception in 1994, helping to save thousands of
9 lives and properties through its award-winning, student-tested, and
10 teacher-approved 9-1-1 caller training classroom kit and
11 educational support that teaches everyone when it is okay to call
12 9-1-1, how to dial 9-1-1, and what to say to the 9-1-1 dispatcher;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, 9-1-1 for Kids has worked proactively to decrease
15 the incidence of accidental and prank 9-1-1 calls, saving our
16 government millions of dollars and helping to maintain the integrity
17 of our 9-1-1 emergency network; and

18 WHEREAS, Since its inception, 9-1-1 for Kids has branched
19 out to provide comprehensive teen and adult 9-1-1 caller training
20 and disaster preparedness and response education, recognizing
21 America’s most compelling 9-1-1 youth heroes each year at 9-1-1
22 for Kids “Local 9-1-1 Heroes” ceremonies with regional and federal
23 government officials; and

24 WHEREAS, The goal of the California 9-1-1 for Kids Safety
25 Education Month is to provide all elementary students in California
26 with emergency and disaster response education in their classrooms
27 during this month, and to establish biannual safety educational
28 events in every Head Start program and public elementary
29 classroom in prekindergarten to grade 2, inclusive; and

30 WHEREAS, Through statewide and local public awareness
31 campaigns, 9-1-1 for Kids, in collaboration with the California
32 National Emergency Numbers Association (CalNENA), the
33 Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO
34 West), 9-1-1 emergency system centers, law enforcement agencies,
35 and fire departments, will train teachers, parents, school
36 administrators, and other caregivers to conduct at least one activity
37 aimed at educating elementary school children during California
38 9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month; and

39 WHEREAS, 9-1-1 for Kids is endorsed and supported by the
40 Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO

1 International), the National Emergency Numbers Association
2 (NENA), and the National Association of State 9-1-1
3 Administrators (NASNA); and

4 WHEREAS, 9-1-1 for Kids and the California 9-1-1 for Kids
5 Safety Education Month are lead by their distinguished officers,
6 International Ambassador Kathy Ireland; National Chairman Tim
7 Brown, retired Oakland Raiders and the 1987 Heisman Trophy
8 winner; Chairman Emeritus Howie Long, Fox National Football
9 League Show and National Football League Hall of Fame inductee;
10 Executive Director Elise Kim; and International Spokespersons
11 Jessica Simpson, recording artist and actress; and Patrick Long,
12 race car driver; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
15 month of June 2007 as “9-1-1 for Kids Safety Education Month”
16 in the State of California, dedicated to 9-1-1 caller training and
17 disaster and emergency preparedness and response education for
18 California children, families, and residents; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.